Oral Diagnosis
Oral Medicine
Oral Radiology

Naval Postgraduate Dental School National Naval Dental Center Bethesda, MD

Oral Diagnosis, Oral Medicine, Oral Radiology

- 2-year residency program
- Accredited by the American Board of Oral Medicine (ABOM)
- Successful completion of program qualifies dental officer to challenge the ABOM exam
- Master’s degree from GWU

So what's the difference between Oral Diagnosis and Oral Medicine?

Oral Diagnosis

- Information Pool
- Differential Dx
- Treatment Plan

Oral Medicine

- Mucosal Diseases
- Oral manifest. of systemic disease
- Medically complex patients

Oral Radiology
Use of ionizing radiation to assist in diagnosis of disease processes

- Plain film radiography
  - Exposure, processing, interpretation
- Radiation physics, biology, safety, etc.
- Exposure to:
  - Specialized imaging (CT, MRI, etc)
  - Digital imaging

First-Year Program

- Didactics
  - NPDS Curriculum
  - Departmental Seminars/Literature Review
  - Table Clinic
- Clinic
  - Consultative service (NPDS, NNDC, NNMC)
  - Oral diagnosis support for NPDS General Dentistry Clinic
- Research
  - Begin mentored project
  - Affiliation with National Institutes of Health
- Integral Parts of Training
  - 2 week TAD to UCSF oral medicine clinic

Second-Year Program

- Continue didactic program
- Continue Oral Medicine Clinic
- Clinical rotations through NNMC hospital services:
  - Hematology/Oncology
  - Infectious Disease
  - Dermatology
- Complete research project
- Present to USUHS medical students / lecture in NPDS courses
- 1 week radiology advanced imaging TAD to University of Kentucky School of Dentistry
- Attend American Academy of Oral Medicine Meeting
- Co-author NPDS Clinical Update

– Radiation Oncology

– ENT

Career Path for Oral Medicine Specialist

- Currently 16 Oral Medicine billets at NDCs
- Career opportunities:
  - Department head
  - Command consultant
  - Recruit Inprocessing Director
  - NPDS staff
  - Executive leadership
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